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SUBJECT: CZECHOSLOVAK PRESS ON "NORMALIZATION" PROCEDURE FOR EMIGRES

REFS A. PRAGUE 3573, B. PRAGUE 3625(NOTAL)

1. SVOBODNE SLOVO, THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST PARTY DAILY,  
CONTAINS IN ITS JANUARY 10 EDITION AN ARTICLE ANSWERING WESTERN  
CRITICISM OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK "NORMALIZATION" PROGRAM FOR EMIGRES.  
ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE THE PROGRAM IS:

-- A SINCERE MANIFESTATION OF HUMANITARIAN INTEREST IN CITIZENS  
LIVING OUT OF TOUCH WITH THEIR HOMELAND;

-- DEVOID OF ALL PSYCHOLOGICAL PRESSURE, HAVING THE CHARACTER  
OF A PUBLIC APPEAL; AND

--NOT OBJECTIONABLE TO CZECHOSLOVAK CITIZENS WHO EMIGRATED FOR  
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OTHER THAN POLITICAL REASONS.

2. THE ARTICLE EMPHASIZES THAT CITIZENS WHO CHOOSE TO RETURN TO  
CZECHOSLOVAKIA UNDER THE PROGRAM WILL NOT BE PUNISHED.  
IT DEFENDS FEES CHARGED FOR EDUCATION RECEIVED PRIOR TO EMIGRATION,  
NOTING THAT THEY MAY BE PAID IN INSTALLMENTS IF THEY  
OCCASION HARDSHIP.

IT NOTES THAT "CZECHOSLOVAK AUTHORITIES ARE INTERESTED IN  
HAVING AS MANY EMIGRES AS POSSIBLE COME BACK."

3. COMMENT: THE ARTICLE, AND THE "REPLY" DISCUSSED REF A, ARE  
PART OF AN EFFORT ON THE PART OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT TO  
RETOUCH THE BRUISES ITS IMAGE HAS SUFFERED BECAUSE  
OF "NORMALIZATION". IN THIS CONNECTION IT IS INTERESTING TO  
NOTE THE INCREASED RATE OF RESOLUTION OF DIVIDED-FAMILY  
CASES REPORTED REF B AND THE SIMILAR EXPERIENCES OF ALLIED  
EMBASSIES.  
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